SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT (Gujarat): Then why should he get up and say he will not take notice of it Madam? It is an insult on the House. He has risen and said he will not take notice. (*Interruptions*). Is it for the Minister to say like this in the House? Why should he get up?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Nothing is being discussed about it more. (*Interruptions*). No comments, please.

Now, Mr. Khalap wants to move for leave to introduce two Bills. He has some discussion in the other House. I will call him now.

THE MARRIAGE LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1997

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): Madam, with your permission, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 and the Special Marriage Act, 1954.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP: Madam, I introduce the Bill.

THE INDIAN MAJOURITY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1997

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): Madam, I move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Indian Majority Act, 1875.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP: Madam, I introduce the Bill.

RE: CALLING ATTENTION MOTION

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, as regards the Calling Attention, yesterday the House was seized with many things of concern and so it could not be taken up in time. It was taken up very late in the evening. That is how it has spilled over to today. In fact, it could have been taken up afresh today and some other business could have been taken up yesterday. But as the House decided and the Chair allowed, the Calling Attention will have to be finished today. (*Interruptions*). One second. Now, Members have given Mentions for the Zero Hour which have been admitted. I leave it to the House to decide whether they would like to finish the Calling Attention first or the Zero Hour. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI SATISH PRADHAN (Maharashtra): Zero Hour first, Madam. (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Under one condition, I will permit it. Even if everybody asks me, I am going to use my power of discretion. But please be brief. If we are going to take the whole day on any other issue and are going to disallow the Calling Attention to be finished today, it would not be proper. This is a very important issue and with great difficulty, we accommodated it at such a short notice. The Minister is here. The Member, who moved it, is here. Everybody is present here. I am allowing the Zero Hour mentions first on the condition that none of you will speak for more than two minutes. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE (West Bengal): Madam, why can't you finish the Call Attention first? (*Interruptions*).

SHRI NILOTPAL BASU (West Bengal): Madam, I am on a point of

order. We have to suspend the rules today. (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: It happened yesterday.

SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: That is true. But we have to suspend the rules to have it today.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVILIZATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): Yes Madam. It may not be a precedent for future. You will agree with me that this is not a normal practice. Normally, Calling Attention has to be taken before all other business. (*Interruptions*).

DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA (West Bengal): We are violating so many rules. We are not adhering to the rules. According to the procedure it has been clearly stated.... (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You should not have spoken yesterday. You also did not adhere to the rules yesterday. Nobody has adhered to the rules. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES (Goa): Madam, this is not the first time. We had it earlier.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let us not waste any more time of the House. Let us go ahead. This has happened in every unusual circumstances that a Calling Attention had to be taken up at four o' clock or beyond that time. So, it was an unusual situation. But this should not become a practice and we should not blame anybody because everybody spoke yesterday. I can give a list of everyone. Nobody has a right to say today that the rules should have been adhered to because none of you adhered to the rules. So, I won't blame the presiding officer who was there at that time. Everybody should have followed the rules. Nobody quoted that rule. Everybody was agitated for some time. So, I am allowing you to speak on Zero Hour submissions on one condition that you should not take more than one minute.

RE. NON-TAKING OF ANY DECISION WITH REGARD TO DOT STAFF WORKING IN M.T.N.L

श्री सतीश प्रधान : (महाराष्ट्र) : उपसभापति महोदया, यह मुद्दा ऐसा है जो 11 साल से पैंडिंग है लेकिन अभी तक सरकार इस मुद्दे पर कोई निर्णय लेने के लिए तैयार नहीं है । महोदया, एम.टी.एन.एल. की एस्टब्लिश हुए 11 साल हो गए हैं। महोदया, डी.ओ.टी. के कुछ वर्कर्स को वहां से डीम्ड डेप्यूटेशन की हैसियत से एम.टी.एन.एल. में भेजा गया था लेकिन तब से लेकर आज तक उन वर्कर्स की क्या पोजीशन है, इस विषय पर सरकार कोई निर्णय लेने के लिए तैयार नहीं है। मैंने इस संबंध में लैटर लिखा था और दो-तीन बार इस सवाल को सदन में उठाया था। मैंने जो पत्र लिखा था उसका जवाब मुझे परसों मिला है। उसमें कहा गया है कि---

The case has been examined and seen by the Minister of Communications. Employees on deemed deputation: Pending a decision on the final status of MTNL, as intimated earlier, a proposal for restructuring of DoT is under consideration and requires the approval of the Cabinet. We will apprise you of the decision as soon as it is arrived at.

मैडम, ये बता रहे हैं कि 11 साल होने के बाद भी हमने अभी तक इस विषय में कोई निर्णय नहीं किया है और अभी जो डी.ओ.टी. की रिस्ट्रक्चरिंग करने जा रहे हैं, उसके बाद इस बारे में निर्णय करेंगे। मैडम, मैं कुछ बातें सदन के सामने रखना चाहता